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Letter from Louise Chandler Moulton, Boston, Massachusetts, to Anne Whitney, Boston, Massachusetts, 1906 May 23

Louise Chandler Moulton

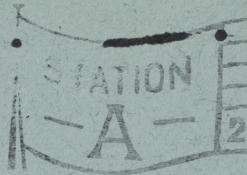
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L. C. Gardner

To / Miss Anne Whitney
The Charlesgate
Back Bay
Boston.

for I see she died on the
21st - and that was
day before yesterday. Oh
I can say nothing save
that my heart is full of
your sorrow, and I am
Yours most faithfully -
Louise Chandler Moulton.

Do forgive my letter
written yesterday in utter
ignorance.

28, Rutland Square -
Boston, May 23 [1906]
My dear, dear Friend -
I have this moment
seen in to-right's Trans-
cript the death of Miss
Manning. To think that only
yesterday I was writing
to congratulate you on
her being (as you thought
when you wrote) on the
way to recovery. This end
has come so suddenly.
Oh I have no words to
express to you the depth

of my sympathy. No one
on earth knows what the
loneliness of life means better
than I do — and I never
saw you and Miss Manning
together that I did not
long for such a compan-
ionship in my own life.
There could be no tie more
perfect. And now —
oh the lonely days to come.
God grant you some
consolation — but I know
that nothing can console
one for the loss of a life-
friend such as she was.

Only that every moment
is full of things that must
be done before my sailing, and
which I am too ill to
struggle with, would keep
me from coming to you
to-morrow — but my
deepest and most loving
sympathy will be yours.
Oh I can't begin to tell you
how I feel. It seems
awful, somehow, that I should
have been sending her a
message yesterday — when
perhaps she had already
gone. Yes — she had —